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[Plattsburgh, New York]-United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announces today that Phillip Tarbell, age 69, of Hogansburg, New York, was sentenced yesterday to 12 months and one day imprisonment, two years of supervised release, a \$10,000 fine and a special assessment of \$100, by United States Senior District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy in Albany, New York.

Phillip Tarbell was initially arrested on November 12, 2010, at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint located on New York State Route 9, in Essex County, New York. Tarbell was in possession of two hockey bags that contained 89.5 pounds of marijuana at the time of his arrest. On February 7, 2011, Tarbell pled guilty to possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

On November 3, 2011, while on federal supervision pending sentencing, DEA agents in southern New York arrested Tarbell for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute MDMA (ecstasy), a controlled substance, to an undercover agent. That arrest resulted in additional drug trafficking charges which remain pending in the Eastern District of New York.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Horsman. Inquiries may be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney Horsman at (518) 314-7800.